## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

## 1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method of minimizing absorption of visible light in an ink composition comprising an IR-absorbing metal-dithiolene dye, wherein the dye is preselected from a metal-dithiolene of formula (II):

$$S$$
 $S$ 
 $(CH_2)_j$ 
 $(CH_2)_k$ 
 $W_n$ 
 $(III)$ 

wherein:

M is selected from Ni, Pd or Pt (preferably Ni); j is selected from 1, 2, 3 or 4; k is selected from 1, 2, 3 or 4;

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

W-is-W is selected from: a substituent comprising an ammonium group; a substituent comprising an acid group, including salts thereof, or a substituent comprising a sulfonamide group; a hydrophilic group;

up to three  $-(CH_2)$ – groups in the carbocycle are optionally replaced by a group independently selected from -C(O)–, -NH–, -S-, -O–;

up to three –CH– groups in the carbocycle may be optionally replaced by –N–; and up to four H atoms in the carbocycle may be optionally replaced a group independently selected from  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{5-12}$  aryl,  $C_{5-12}$  arylalkyl, halogen, hydroxyl or amino.

- 21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein M is Ni.
- 22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein j is 1 and k is 2.

- 23. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said dye comprises a  $-C(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$  bridging group.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein n is 1.
- 25. (Cancelled)
- 26. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein W is a substituent comprising a group of formula  $-CO_2Z$ ,  $-SO_3Z$ ,  $-OSO_3Z$ ,  $-PO_3Z$  or  $-OPO_3Z$ , wherein Z is H or a water-soluble cation.
- 27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein W is of formula –(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>t</sub>–SO<sub>3</sub>Z, wherein t is 0 or an integer from 1 to 6, and Z is H or a water-soluble cation.
- 28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein W is of formula –CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H, –CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Na or –CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>K.

29-56. (Cancelled)